

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

The 49th Fighter Wing supports national security objectives as directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The wing can rapidly mobilize and deploy F-117 stealth fighters and personnel worldwide to meet peacetime and wartime contingencies. In addition, the 49th trains German aircrews using the F-4 Phantom. The 49th FW also provides morale, welfare and administrative support for assigned personnel. The multitude of Air Force elements stationed at Holloman creates a diverse installation with ever changing requirements.

The Air Force's restructuring has resulting in on-going changes to the missions at Holloman AFB. The reorganization altered some of the support functions being performed at Holloman AFB as reflected in the construction program. The German Air Force Holloman I & II Tornado beddowns offset the decline of the significant MILCON program.

On May 9, 1992, four F-117 stealth fighters from Tonopah Test Range, Nev., arrived at Holloman. This move of the F-117s--initially proposed in January 1990--was completed July 7th, with the last of the personnel and Nighthawks belonging to the 415th, 416th and 417th Fighter Squadrons arriving at Holloman.

On July 30, 1993, the 49th initiated several squadron re-designations that would ensure the heritage and legacy of the wing was continued. At that time the 415th and 416th Fighter Squadrons, flying the F-117, became the 9th and 8th Fighter Squadrons, respectively. The 9th FS, flying the F-4 returned to its prior designation as the 20th FS. During December 1993, the 417th FS was re-designated the 7th FS. With the re-designation of the 417th FS, the 49th retained the wing's original 3 squadrons, the 7th, 8th and 9th.

Effective May 1, 1996, the German Air Force activated the Tactical Training Center at Holloman. The TTC will serve as the parent command for two German aircrew training squadrons. A second TTC unit, the Tornado Training Squadron, provides academic and tactical flying training, by German Air Force instructors, for Tornado aircrews. The first contingent of Tornado aircraft arrived at Holloman in March 1996. The F-4 training mission for the German Air Force was eliminated in 2005.

PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

The Milcon Program has declined with respect to the work constructed in the 1990's with only one project per year. The focus of the work has been family housing replacement.

The proposed FY 07 PB calls for retiring the entire F-117 Wing.

